

For this and more, we honor Stephanie Carrizales.

HONORING D.C.'s 2021 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating three District of Columbia schools recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as National Blue Ribbon Schools.

For the past 39 years, the Department of Education has recognized schools for overall academic excellence or for reducing achievement gaps. Since 1982, over 40 schools in the District have been recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools. This year, BASIS DC Public Charter School, Eaton Elementary School and Lafayette Elementary School were selected as National Blue Ribbon Schools.

BASIS DC Public Charter School, located in downtown near the Smithsonian museums, was established in 2012 and serves 640 students in grades 5–12. BASIS DC's school mascot is the Red Giants. Students at BASIS are proactive in attaining college scholarships. The total amount of college gift aid earned by the Class of 2017 was over \$700,000. I applaud BASIS DC and its students for securing scholarships for college education and for its recognition this year as a National Blue Ribbon School.

Located in Cleveland Park, Eaton Elementary School strives to provide a culturally enriching education for its diverse student body. Established in 1910, Eaton Elementary serves 467 students in grades PK–5. Partnering with the Humanities Council of Washington, D.C., Eaton Elementary created its Student Sleuth Program, which allowed fourth-grade students to learn grass-roots research in investigating their school's history. I applaud Eaton Elementary School for its recognition this year as a National Blue Ribbon School.

Lafayette Elementary School, located in Chevy Chase, serves 940 students in grades PK–5. Lafayette Elementary was established in 1928 and emphasizes the importance of integrating the arts into all subject areas to enrich their students' learning experiences. I applaud Lafayette Elementary School for its recognition this year as a National Blue Ribbon School.

Madam Speaker, again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating BASIS DC Public Charter School, Eaton Elementary School and Lafayette Elementary School for their recognition as National Blue Ribbon Schools.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GARY STAMPER

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Southwest Washington resident and Lewis County Com-

missioner, Gary Stamper. Gary sadly passed away last week at the age of 67 after fighting a battle with COVID–19.

Gary went to school and graduated from Mossyrock High School, and eventually earned a Master's in School Administration from Heritage University.

For years, Gary devoted his life to public education—working as a principal, teacher, and coach in East Lewis county. He truly cared about his students succeeding in all aspects of life. One of his most memorable achievements was leading the Mossyrock Girls Basketball team to a state championship. Since his passing, there has been an outpouring of support from former students talking about Gary; not only as a principal, teacher, coach, but as a mentor, a role model and supporter at times in their lives when they most needed it.

It was his strong commitment to the rural communities in Lewis County for which so many people know him. Following his retirement from public education in 2014, Gary continued to serve his community as a Lewis County Commissioner.

If it was an issue that mattered to small businesses, to schools, to families or to the surrounding forests, Gary knew about it and he was a most effective advocate for it. I cherish deeply my work alongside Gary. We lost a great leader.

I'm extending my thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathies to Gary's family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING TERESA ANN RODRIGUEZ FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Teresa Rodríguez. Teresa is one of the many northern transplants who now call Central Florida home. A native New Yorker of Puerto Rican descent, she arrived in Orlando in 2012. After two years of working in the tourism industry, she now works at the University of Central Florida. Her time there has afforded her the opportunity to assist and create outreach efforts for Hispanic and other diverse communities in Orlando.

Having received her bachelor's degree in Spanish from Brooklyn College at the City University of New York, she put her bilingual skills to good use and worked with the City of Orlando's "Hispanic Office for Local Assistance" to establish and maintain free English classes. She served as the point of contact, advocate, and administrator for the university-wide Latin American-Caribbean scholarship initiative, the Hurricane Maria Disaster Recovery Program, and the Venezuela Assistance Program at the English Language Institute. She also assisted in running the Hurricane Dorian Disaster Recovery Tuition Assistance Program.

Teresa was a selection committee member and helped process non-resident alien tuition emergency funds assistance via a hardship waiver program. She also helped coordinate efforts between several partners and newly ar-

rived Central Florida non-English speaking community members to help them acquire Florida state licenses. Teresa remains affiliated to and volunteers for the Puerto Rico Research Hub at UCF.

For this and more, we honor Teresa Rodríguez.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. C.D. "DAN" MOTE, JR., FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend Dr. C.D. "Dan" Mote, Jr., who served as President of the University of Maryland, College Park, from 1998 to 2010, in recognition of his contributions to the school's legacy of academic excellence.

Dr. Mote came to Maryland in 1998 after spending three decades at the University of California, Berkeley, where he studied dynamics systems and biomechanics and led the top-ranked graduate mechanical engineering program in the country. His research on gyroscopic systems and the biomechanics of snow skiing has been internationally recognized. He holds patents in four countries and has been published more than 300 times.

His leadership, both as an educator and in the field of biomechanics, has had global impact; he truly lives up to his motto: Excellence in All We Do.

At the University of Maryland, Dr. Mote worked to make education more affordable and inclusive by expanding access to financial aid programs, including the Maryland Incentive Awards, the Pathways program, and the Keep Me Maryland fund. One of his primary goals was closing the graduation gap for underrepresented minority students. His work was reflected in the achievements of Maryland students throughout his tenure.

Under Dr. Mote's leadership, the university received a record number of highly qualified applicants. He was committed to bringing in academically-committed students and giving them as many opportunities as possible to succeed. He tripled the number of students participating in study-abroad programs, provided new opportunities to enroll in courses outside of major requirements, and increased research funding more than 150 percent.

On October 10, the Maryland Incentive Awards Program and an Engineering Research Laboratory at the university will be named in Dr. Mote's honor. This recognition is well-deserved, and I join the University of Maryland, College Park, in saluting Dr. Mote's lifelong commitment to expanding academic opportunity and ensuring our state's flagship public university continues to excel. His legacy of excellence is visible each day at the University of Maryland, College Park, and his impact will be felt for decades to come.

I hope my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating Dr. Mote on an illustrious career and in thanking him for all he did for Maryland students over his twelve-year tenure and throughout his life in academia.

HONORING THE LIFE, COURAGE, AND SACRIFICE OF STEWARD MATE 2ND CLASS JESUS FRANCISCO GARCIA

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, courage, and immeasurable sacrifice of Navy Steward Mate 2nd Class Jesus Francisco Garcia. STM2 Garcia is a fallen sailor whose contributions are an integral part of our community history, and the People of Guam will forever be indebted to him for his unwavering commitment to our island and nation.

Hailing from the village of Hagåtña, STM2 Garcia is a Son of Guam who defended our country during World War II and was among a small number of CHamoru men who volunteered for US military service despite a lack of American citizenship. With a desire to put others before self and swift action to answer the call of a nation in need, STM2 Garcia brought new meaning to the Navy attributes of initiative, accountability, integrity, and toughness. Further, his resolve to bolster American defense illustrates the historic loyalty and patriotism forged by CHamorus of his time and upheld by generations more throughout the years.

STM2 Garcia was assigned to battleship USS *Oklahoma* on December 7, 1941, and stationed at Ford Island on the fateful morning of the Pearl Harbor attacks. After sustaining multiple torpedo hits from Japanese aircraft, his ship quickly capsized and STM2 Garcia joined 428 other crewmembers in their final moments as the vessel quickly sunk. Following a three-years long remains recovery mission, internments in both the Halawa and Nu'uanu Cemeteries and National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii, and extended identification efforts in 1947 and 2015, STM2 Garcia was finally accounted for on September 25, 2018.

Madam Speaker, after eight long decades of service and sacrifice without full recognition and honor, I join the Garcia family and the People of Guam in proudly commemorating the life and legacy of Steward Mate 2nd Class Jesus Francisco Garcia. He embodied true service and a greatness of character that is fundamental to our tradition of military excellence and continues to inspire the soldiers of this day. His name and story will forever be etched in our hearts and remembered by a grateful nation.

HONORING OLGA AYMAT FOR
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Olga Aymat. Olga is a recognized news anchor, professional communicator, and master of ceremonies in Central Florida. She was born in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, where she began her training in arts and communications. Her work

at the forefront of journalism for the past two decades continues with work on television networks such as Univision. She is now one of the main anchors of the stellar news of Telemundo Orlando/NBC Universal.

Olga continues to demonstrate her passion and commitment to the community through special reports touching on human trafficking, drug addiction, bullying in schools, epidemics, and living testimonies, as well as political, educational, and special coverage issues such as the Pulse massacre in Orlando. She received various special awards for her outstanding professional career and was recognized by Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer for outstanding community efforts. In an effort of continued growth, she recently reinforced her journalistic career as an international motivational speaker at John Maxwell University.

Olga's true passion lies in being an active community leader and she continues advocating against domestic violence and human trafficking. She is proud to give voice to the voiceless and connect community members with the resources they need.

For this and more, we honor Olga Aymat.

RECOGNIZING SAM PREVITI ON
BEING NAMED THE "MAN OF
THE YEAR" BY THE MICHIGAN
COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION
COMMITTEE

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent a district that has a large number of Italian Americans, and it is a great honor for me to recognize one of their finest, Sam Previti, on being named the "Man of the Year" by the Michigan Columbus Day Celebration Committee.

Sam has been a pillar of both the Washington Township and Italian American community. In Washington Township, Sam currently serves as the Township Supervisor. Some of his other public service commitments include being a Washington Township Trustee and serving as secretary of Washington Township's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sam also has great pride in his Italian heritage and works diligently on behalf of this community. He helps run the largest Italian American Club, Lodge Figli Della Sicilia, and is actively involved in many charity-based organizations such as the History Holy Family in Detroit. He has also served as the National President of the Columbian Federation of Italian American Societies. Regional leaders in the Italian American community know Sam is the person to call on when they need assistance in organizing, promoting, and supporting their many events.

Madam Speaker, I can think of no one more deserving of this honor than Sam Previti. It is my hope that he finds pride upon reflection of his tireless commitment to both his communities. Sam's hard work is noticed and appreciated. I wish him many more years of dedicated and selfless service.

CAROLE KINLOW, ANGELS IN
ADOPTION HONOREE

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Carole Kinlow for the record on her nomination by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, for the Angels In Adoption Award. This award and recognition is something very personal to me as my wife Angie and I are foster-to-adopt parents to two of our four children.

For over 24 years, Carole has served the Omaha community as a mentor and role model for young women in varying roles at many organizations. She served as an advocate at Emergency Pregnancy Services, instructor for the Kids Ability program and Girls Inc., Legal Advocate for victims of Domestic Violence at Youth Women's Christian Association, and as a property manager and regional supervisor assisting low-income families.

These experiences led Carole and her husband David to become foster parents as well as family advocates for youth experiencing homelessness. It also led them to start the non-profit, Carole's House of Hope, a transitional living program to protect and foster the growth and success of women and their children. The goal of the non-profit is to meet the needs of these individuals' facing homelessness, with a particular emphasis to assist young women who found themselves homeless after becoming emancipated from the foster care system.

Carole, whose motto is "Hope is believing, encouraging, dreaming, caring . . . hope is us," credits her personal and professional success to her husband David, who is the Director of Properties for Carole's House of Hope. She says he has stood by her side and served 22 years helping at-risk individuals including as a Youth Care Worker at Uta Halee/Cooper Village.

Congratulations to Carole and her husband David, for this nomination honor. I am thankful for her service to so many in a segment of our community that is close to my heart.

HONORING RICKY RODRIGUEZ FOR
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Ricky Rodriguez. On his 25th birthday, Ricky learned the story of his birth and was inspired to pursue a career in nursing. From how his mother tells it, Ricky almost didn't make it, but thankfully the doctors, emergency room personnel, and nurses present cleared his airway and successfully intervened, saving his life. This story has left a profound impact, leading Ricky to attain his nursing degree and work to help Floridians receive the best possible healthcare.

Just like the personnel who once intervened for him, Ricky works as an emergency department nurse. He also inspired his younger brother to pursue nursing and the brothers